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NGA Responds to FEMA's Call for Assistance in Tornado Aftermath

SPRINGFIELD, Va. — The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency provided analysis and damage assessments to the destruction caused by the recent tornadoes across much of the Midwestern and Southern United States. Responding to an official request from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, NGA assisted federal, state and local responders in disaster recovery efforts following the deadly storms.

"Our products and services ensured that FEMA senior leaders had the knowledge and situational awareness to make decisions leading up to the staging and deployment of response operations, to include Incident Support Teams and Urban Search and Rescue assets," said Nat Wolpert, senior GEOINT analyst. "By utilizing multiple imagery sources, including Civil Air Patrol data, we were able to provide FEMA officials with the necessary damage assessments to make initial decisions about the mitigation process to support survivor and public infrastructure assistance."

A disaster response team from NGA assessed close to 2,000 structures across 50 locations throughout Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Alabama and Kansas. The team produced damage assessments that included critical analysis of key infrastructure, roads and communication networks destroyed in the storm.

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Preliminary Damage Assessment - Mayflower Tornado Mayflower, Arkansas

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